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16-253-GA-BTX

Ohio Power Siting Board

180 East Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

June 20, 2016

Re: Case 16-253-GA-BTX

Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board:

As a property owner in Sycamore Township, I am very concerned about the proposed gas line Duke Energy has currently proposed. Although the routes do not go directly through my property, I have concerns about the environmental impact of this project as well as the community impact.

It is my understanding that any trees, animal habitats or natural spaces that are in the way of the proposed pipeline would be removed and/or demolished. While I understand that there is a promise to restore or replace the area to its original state, this is really impossible. Old trees and wild areas cannot be replaced once they are destroyed.

The disruption to the community would also be a concern. The areas suggested for the pipeline are currently populated. Many tax paying citizens would be inconvenienced if not completely displaced. Real Estate values will be impacted by this pipeline.

I am questioning the need for this project. Is this needed? Is there an alternative that would do less damage? If allowed, what are the assurances that the environment will be restored as much as possible?

I am told that the history of follow up on restoration by contractors for Duke Energy has been neglected. Are there fines related to the timely restoration of areas? What is the incentive on the part of Duke Energy to restore the environment?

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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